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The Paraguayan Caper

1. I strongly recommend that we give these cables to the FBI intact rather than editing them.

a. The FBI knows that we communicate by cable. They will probably ask for the originals. If they were to suppress them, I do not know how we could resist.

b. The General Walters connection may or may not be important. Besides Stroessner, Colonel Manuel Contreras considers himself a bosom buddy of the General. I think that the FBI should know. The General is an old hand. He can take care of himself.

c. If the fact that we intentionally withheld information on the Letelier investigation became public, we would be subject to a storm of criticism. I recognize that we run the risk of leaks. In my judgement we run greater risks if we appear to withhold information.

2. Please let me know if you want me to pass this information informally.

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